

HOUSE RESOLUTION 210

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Richard H. Kinser of Loudon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Richard H. Kinser; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinser was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as “Podjo” to many, Richard Kinser served with acumen and alacrity as a Sales Representative with the R.C.H. Company, an outdoor power equipment distributor headquartered in Memphis; he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, born in Greenback on December 2, 1944, Mr. Kinser attended Greenback School and Knoxville Business College, from which he earned his associate’s degree; and

WHEREAS, active in the civic life of his community, Mr. Kinser was especially dedicated to the Masons; he first joined in 1969 as a member of the Loudon Tennessee Lodge 204 F and AM, and in 1973 he became a Shriner; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Richard Kinser assumed the position of Potentate of Kerbela Shrine Temple in Knoxville and, in 2001, he joined the Royal Order of Jesters and KOFU of ROW; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinser was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church, Loudon, where he and his beloved wife of forty-four years, Joyce Cole Kinser, were married on March 16, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Richard Kinser was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his wife, his son and daughter-in-law, Michael Craig Kinser and Jackie Kinser; his son, Richard Shannon Kinser; his grandchildren, Brittney Megara Kinser and Reagan Alexandra Kinser; his great-granddaughter, Wakley Grace Kinser; his brother, James L. Kinser; his mother-in-law, Mildred Cole; and numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Richard Kinser was predeceased by his parents, Olin and Katie Norton Kinser, and an infant sister; and

WHEREAS, Richard Kinser leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Richard H. Kinser, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Kinser.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.